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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **Health Resources and Services Administration**

Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Class Deviation from Competition Requirements for Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) is announcing supplemental awards to the current Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta States) grantees. The supplemental funds will allow current Delta grantees to implement outreach and enrollment activities to the rural uninsured in the Mississippi Delta for the next Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period (November 15, 2014 – February 15, 2015). In addition, it will help educate the newly insured about the insurance and benefits they can now access as a result of enrolling during the initial Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period. The overarching goals of this supplemental funding are to: (1) increase the number of uninsured educated about their coverage options, (2) increase the number of uninsured enrolled into the Health Insurance Marketplaces or other available sources of insurance, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and (3) increase the number of newly

insured individuals educated about the benefits and primary care and preventative services to which they now have access.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Intended Recipient of the Award: Current Delta States grantees (Quantity: 12)

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Grant Number	Grantee	City	State	funding
D60RH25764	Tombigbee Healthcare Authority	Demopolis	AL	\$25,000
D60RH25754	Arcare	Augusta	AR	\$25,000
D60RH25757	Greater Delta Alliance for Health	Lake Village	AR	\$25,000
D60RH25763	Southern Illinois University	Carbondale	IL	\$25,000
	Baptist Health Madisonville,			
D60RH25765	INC.,	Madisonville	KY	\$25,000
D60RH25758	The Health Enrichment Network	Oakdale	LA	\$25,000
D60RH25762	Parish of Richland	Delhi	LA	\$25,000
D60RH25758	Big Springs Medical Assoc	Ellington	MO	\$25,000
D60RH25760	County of Mississippi	Charleston	MO	\$25,000
D60RH25756	Delta State University	Cleveland	MS	\$25,000
	Jefferson Comprehensive Health			
D60RH25759	Center	Fayette	MS	\$25,000
	Paris-Henry County Health Care			
D60RH25761	Foundation	Paris	TN	\$25,000

Amount of Non-Competitive Awards: \$25,000/award

Period of Supplemental Funding: September 15, 2014 – July 31, 2015

CFDA Number: 93.912

Authority: Public Health Service Act, Section 330A (e) (42 U.S.C. 254(c)), as amended

JUSTIFICATION: A greater proportion of rural residents lack health insurance in comparison to urban residents. With millions still uninsured, this supplemental funding will allow current Delta States grantees an opportunity to specifically employ and tailor ACA outreach and enrollment efforts to the uninsured population in rural Delta communities for the upcoming

Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period (November 15, 2014 – February 15,

2015). Additionally, Delta States grantees will be able help educate the newly insured rural

Americans about the health insurance coverage and care to which they now have access.

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